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## CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
 Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of Serial No. 09/354,594, filed on July 16, 1999, which is a division of application Serial No. 08/971,421, filed November 17, 1997, entitled OPTICAL CABLE EXIT TROUGH by the following inventor(s):

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- ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior application; including the specification, claims, drawings, oath or declaration showing the applicant's signature, and any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application. (It is noted that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.) The continuing application is as follows: 7 pages of specification, 3 claims, 1 page of abstract, 16 sheets of drawings, and 8 pages of oath or declaration.
- ☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- ☐ Cancel original claims of this application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
- ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

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CLAIMS AS FILED

NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS: 3 -20	0	x	\$18.00	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 1 -3	0	x	\$80.00	0.00
			BASIC FILING FEE:	\$710.00
			TOTAL FILING FEE:	710.00

☐ A Verified Statement that this filing is by a small entity is already filed in the prior application.

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4. ☒ Payment of fees:
- ☐ Attached is a check in the amount of
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725.
- ☒ **PAYMENT OF THE FILING FEE IS BEING DEFERRED.**

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2725.

☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

*now US patent # 6,192,181*

"This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/354,594, filed July 16, 1999, which is a division of application Serial No. 08/971,421, <sup>*US patent # 5,937,121*</sup> filed November 17, 1997, which application(s) are incorporated herein by reference."

☐ A set of formal drawings ( sheets) is enclosed.

☐ Priority of application Serial No. , filed on in , is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. , filed .

9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to ADC Telecommunications, Inc. located at 12501 Whitewater Drive, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343.

10. ☒ The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:

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11. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

☐ Fee for excess claims is attached.

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